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To: Poverty Health Action Group Members

From: Mary Bufwack, Chair

RE: Progress at 11.25 meeting

**Future meetings: December 30, Tuesday, 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and
January 22, 2009, Thursday, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Action needed:

Contact me (maryunhs@aol.com) or DJ (dhayden@unitedneighborhood.org) with:

- 1. Your choice of action committee you would like to work on. See 5 below.**
- 2. Can you make the 12/30 meeting? Yes No**
- 3. Can you make the 1/22/09 meeting? Yes No**

A great group was able to gather on 11.25 and after an active 1.5 hours developed the attached action grid which details the 5 action items we will focus on. Thanks to those who sent their preferences in. Here they are:

Improve Preventive Care (Take account of culturally-driven disparities):

- 1. Community FRC/School-Based Prevention Initiative with partners**

Increase Access to Primary Healthcare Track: (Take account of culturally-driven disparities):

- 2. Inventory and disseminated information about screening, prevention and primary care programs & resources**
- 4. Increase enrollment in current insurance programs for eligible beneficiaries**

Increase Access to Specialty Healthcare Track: (Take account of culturally-driven disparities):

- 3. Increase Specialty Care to assure a continuum of care model: Dental, Mental Health, Chronic.**
- 5. Increase Medication Availability**

Also attached is a more detailed outline showing how the 24 or so actions that were initially generated on 10/31 were incorporated into one of the five above or sent to another poverty action group which seemed like a better home for the action. None were left out.

We did not assign individuals to one of the five action groups. We will do this at our January meeting. So be sure to let us know your preference.

The next page lists the work agenda for our December and January meetings.

Please again, let us know your group preference and if you will be able to attend the meetings.

I am also happy to receive any comments on any of the five actions:

Things we shouldn't forget

People we should invite

Similar initiatives that we should be sure to connect with

December and January meeting Agendas:

Form action groups based on the 5 actions...please choose where you would like to work.

Action Group work:

- Who will be the players in carrying out the action?
 - Who will lead it?
 - What organizations will be involved?
- How will we link this action to related, ongoing initiatives?
 - What are the related initiatives in Nashville?
 - How will we connect this action to those initiatives?

End product of meetings:

- All individuals/organizations who need to be involved are identified
- Strategy exists for informing and including all relevant individuals/organizations

Between January and February meetings:

- Meetings need to occur between Action Group members and other relevant individuals/organizations identified during December meeting.
 - Purpose of Poverty Reduction Initiative generally and the Action Group more specifically needs to be shared
 - Linkages between AG and individuals/organizations explained
 - Invitation issued to participate in planning and implementing the actions

I look forward to seeing everyone in December, as possible, and in January.

Best wishes for a peaceful and joyous holiday. Mary